(b) whether Government is suggesting any concrete methods to control crowds at such places in future to avoid disaster; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) A total of 686 stampede deaths were reported from religious places in the last four year.

(b) and (c) The Government has been issuing guidelines, alerts, instructions to State authorities from time to time to regulate crowed congregations, in order to avoid disasters.

Naxal activities spreading in various parts of country

948. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxal activities are spreading in various parts of the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of the States affected thereby;

(c) the details of persons killed including civilians and security personnel and loss of property along with naxalites arrested and killed during last two years;

(d) whether any nexus between naxalites and other militant outfits and/or ISI has been reported;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken against such naxal violence in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Naxal violence is being reported from parts of the 9 States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, 4 States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa together account for about 86% per cent of the incidents and casualties of civilians and security forces. In macro terms, the number of incidents has remained more or less at the same level during the last few years. The State-wise break-up of naxal violence and casualties is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) As per available information there is no nexus between naxalites and other militant outfits including ISI.

(f) Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources through a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Governments concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure, sharing of intelligence, bringing about Inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Central Ministries.

Statement

State-wise breakup of naxal violence and casualities during 2007 and 2008

State	2007					2008				
	No. of incidents	No. of casualties in security forces	No. of casualties in civilians	Naxalites killed	Naxalites arrested	No. of incidents	No. of casualties in security forces	No. of casualties in civilians	Naxalites killed	Naxalites arrested
Andhra Pradesh	138	2	43	45	348	92	1	45	36	236
Bihar	135	22	45	2	282	164	21	52	15	278
Jharkhand	482	8	149	13	269	484	38	169	49	383
Chhattisgarh	582	198	171	66	254	620	85	157	76	469
Madhya Pradesh	9	—	2	—	22	7	—	—	1	5
Maharashtra	94	3	22	5	34	68	5	17	9	106
Orissa	67	2	15	7	78	103	73	28	8	102
Uttar Pradesh	9	—	3	1	20	4	—	—	1	41
Wast Bengal	32	—	6	—	82	35	7	19	—	83
Others	17	1	4	2	66	14	1	3	4	36
Total	1565	236	460	141	1455	1591	231	490	199	1739